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In re Application of	: Before the Examiner:
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Title: <b>A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR</b>	: International Business Machines Corp.
<b>MONITORING PERFORMANCE OF</b>	: 11400 Burnet Road
<b>DISTRIBUTED APPLICATIONS</b>	: Austin, Texas 78758

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows. Consideration of the claims and the abstract is respectfully requested.